

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 243

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Representative
Robert Lee Littleton, Sr. of Dickson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of our former colleague, Robert Lee Littleton, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Littleton was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Humphreys County, he was born to parents Elvie Edward (E.E.)
and Alma Martin Littleton, now deceased; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Littleton fought in the second World War to preserve and ensure
freedom as a member of the United States Army, and his honor and bravery won him the
gratitude of a nation and many peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, during his tour of duty, he was recognized many times for valiant service,
and was awarded the American Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the European-
African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with three Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his military service, Mr. Littleton matriculated at Vanderbilt University in 1946; he graduated with a degree in law from that fine institution in 1951; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, the good people of Dickson County evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Robert Lee Littleton by electing him as their Representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, Representative Littleton served his constituency in Dickson County for three terms and six years in the House of Representatives during the 77th, 78th, and 79th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, he was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Littleton was a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process, and he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made to state government; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member of the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly, Mr. Littleton performed his elected duties with the utmost integrity and singular devotion, and his efforts to ensure competent and efficient leadership and public service brought immeasurable benefits to his district and this great State; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring from the General Assembly, Representative Littleton continued to serve the people of Tennessee with courage and conviction as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Littleton was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Littleton enjoyed the loving companionship and was the proud father of Robert Lee Littleton, Jr., Billy Duke Littleton, Edward Estes Littleton, Lisa Littleton Holley, and Mary Littleton Wills; he was further blessed with nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Littleton, Sr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of former Representative Robert Lee Littleton, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator and citizen and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Littleton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.